
CRADDOCKSTOWN GOLF CLUB



CLUB POLICY

FOR

JUNIOR MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION

Craddockstown Golf Club sets out its Junior Policy within this document.

The Junior section of the Club is seen as a very important area of development both for the Club and the individual. Significant emphasis is focused on the Junior section with the investment of time, energy and coaching.

The Junior Club is run by the Ladies and Men's Club with the appointment of two Junior Liaison Officers respectively. A Junior Captain is appointed on an annual basis with up to four Junior members who form the Junior Clubs Committee.

The facilities of the Club are available to Junior members with certain restrictions. These restrictions are in the interest of the individual junior member and their integration with other Club members.

The Junior Club organises competitions primarily from June to August which are run mainly every Thursday between 8.00am ó 10.00am. On selected Sunday afternoons competitions are also organised, which extend to our winter programme. Our ongoing coaching programme strives to ensure that each new Junior member is afforded an opportunity to attain an acceptable standard of competency.

The Club facilitates with each parent/guardian in organising dedicated coaching lessons to achieve this which run each Thursday afternoon.

The Club envisages a partnership with the parents/guardians in developing the Junior members understanding of Golf, incorporating safety, behaviour, care of the course etc. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for the other players and to abide by the rules.

This document sets out the rules each junior member is encouraged to follow with the support of the Club and that of their primary carer, parent/guardian.

The Club wishes that every junior member enjoys their participation in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of golf.

A copy of the Rules of Golf and the Club's Constitution are available at the Club Office.

Yours in Golf

Junior Committee
Craddockstown Golf Club

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application forms are available from the Office.

- Forms must be completed and proposed by two Senior members of Craddockstown Golf Club. Completed Application forms should be returned to the Club Office.
- Application forms must be accompanied by the Junior Policy document signed by parent/guardian and proposed new Junior member.
- A subsequent interview will take place with the Junior liaison Officer(s). At least one parent/guardian **MUST** attend with the proposed Junior member.
- Notice of new Junior members application will be posted in the Club.
- Following a favourable application an offer of membership will be presented to the new Junior member

Junior membership operates on an annual basis- 1st April -31st March

In order for a junior member to be insured at Craddockstown, payment of the annual fee must be received in full prior to playing at the Club. Additional insurance is available separately, enquiries may be made through your local broker.

Junior members must play in a minimum of 6 competitions during the year. Failure to do so may result in the membership being discontinued. The Club policy is that new Junior members participate in the Junior Club and do not join solely to play casual golf.

Similarly, Student members must play in a minimum of 4 competitions annually and must produce written proof annually when renewing their annual sub in relation to attendance at full time education.(*see Club Constitution*)

JUNIOR COMPETITION TIMES

Generally every Thursday morning between 8.00am and 10.00am and selected Sundays during June, July and August. Competitions are also run on selected Sunday afternoons throughout the year and during Easter term breaks. These times are subject to change depending on circumstance so please check the Junior notice board located in the Starter's office or on-line on the website (www.craddockstown.com) for the latest news.

Junior Girls who have obtained a full ILGU Handicap are encouraged to play in the Ladies Competitions.

Similarly Junior Boys are encouraged to play in the Mens Competitions subject to criteria being met;

- Max GUI handicap of 20,
- Junior members must play with an adult member,
- Tee times may only be booked on or after the Thursday prior to the Competition, for weekend competitions.

To facilitate all levels of ability competitions are run off distance markers Green, Red and White. Depending on their capability new Junior members are awarded handicaps off the appropriate distance markers to establish their potential. The handicaps are awarded at the discretion of the Junior Club until such time as a full GUI or ILGU handicap has been merited.

New members joining will be given a provisional Junior handicap and cannot win any competition until their Junior handicap has been awarded.

Handicaps will be reviewed periodically in line with scores returned.

Any new members joining from another Club must produce a Handicap Certificate.

A nominal fee is paid to enter Junior competitions.

Junior members must be collected promptly after Junior Competitions.

SAFETY and CASUAL GOLF

Safety is a priority at all times for the Club. Lakes play a large feature of the course.

- Children under the age of 10 years will not be allowed on the course under any circumstances.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to accompany their children (*need not be in a golfing capacity*) while their children play casual golf particularly during the ages of 10 years and 15 years. Parents/guardians are requested to familiarise themselves with course etiquette, course safety and spectators policy.
- The Club cannot provide any guardianship during the unsupervised playing of casual golf.
- A Junior member may bring one adult guest at a reduced rate to play with him /her for casual golf.
- A Junior Member may introduce two junior guests, who must be Junior Members of another club and are at least 15 years of age and in possession of a G.U.I. handicap from that club.
- Junior members must put their names on the timesheets prior to playing casual golf. This can be achieved through the clubs website, pro shop and the clubhouse.
- Swing slow and walk fast to avoid any undue delays.
- Place your golf bags between the next tee box and green you are putting on, not in front of the green.
- If your group is delayed for any reason call through the group behind if appropriate.
- Generally you should always be behind the group in front of you.
- Be aware of the hazards and avoid them where possible. Our lakes are deep. Stay clear and do not attempt to retrieve balls from them, in case of falling in.

- Because of the use of chemicals on the course and animal droppings, wash your hands after playing golf at all times.
- Be very careful when swinging your golf club that nobody is within standing distance. No practice swinging on tee boxes other than a practice swing just prior to hitting the ball.
- Stand behind the ball being struck at all times and you will not get hit.
- As far as possible, be very careful that you don't hit anyone with a golf ball.
- A Junior member may not be on the course after dusk.
- Please refer to the J.G.I. website (www.juniorgolfireland.com) for more comprehensive info on safety, golf etiquette and charter of junior golf.
- The rules of golf are designed to help you enjoy your game. Make sure you have a rules book in your bag.(Available from office)

Any parent/guardian with concerns regarding their child's safety please notify in writing to the secretary of the Men's or Ladies Club.

COACHING

Craddockstown Golf Club, in conjunction with Junior Golf Ireland conducts basic golf lessons for each new member. The Club periodically organises these lessons on Thursday afternoons throughout the summer months.

The Club believes that each new member will enjoy and understand the game more by attending these programmes.

Coaching will be provided periodically at beginners, intermediate and advanced levels, subsidised also by the Club on all aspects of golf prior to entering the course.

COURSE DRESS CODE

- Neat dress essential.
- No denims.
- No football jerseys.
- Each player must have own club bag and wet suit, membership tag clearly visible.
- Appropriate Golf footwear to be worn.
- Pitch repairer, pencil, tees to be carried at all times

CLUBHOUSE DRESS CODE

Smart casual dress may be worn. It must be clean, tidy and in good repair and in keeping with the traditions of The Craddockstown Golf Club. With the exception of the locker room, any type of footwear that has been used on the course is not permitted in the Clubhouse.

- No Denims
- Junior Members have access to the bar subject to the following conditions:-
- Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
- Junior Members 18 years of age and over to have full privileges.
- Junior Members under 18 years of age to vacate the bar by 9pm.
- No liquor shall be sold or supplied to any person under 18 years of age.
- Junior members have full use of the Clubs restaurant facilities.
- The Club is not in a position to provide supervision outside Junior Competitions.

CONDUCT

Each Junior member must familiarise themselves with all aspects of Golf etiquette. They must conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times when, on the course, in the Club house, locker room and, particularly, when representing the Club.

The following conduct is not permitted and is in breach of Club policy. Juniors reported in breach of the following or any misconduct after reasonable enquiry by the committee will be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the Club.

- Dangerous use of clubs - e.g. swinging them on any Putting Green or any paved area near the Clubhouse - that might lead to injury or damage.
- Pitching onto the Putting Green is not allowed.
- Failure to carry tees, pencil, markers and pitch repairers at all times.
- Failure to repair all pitch marks.
- Failure to replace all divots.
- Failure to rake all bunkers after you exit them.
- Abuse of clubs - e.g. throwing club(s) ó abuse of green / tees:
- Noisy behaviour in the environs of the Club.

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

The Game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and conduct themselves in a disciplined manner.

Honour is about being truthful to yourself and the rules of a sport. Golf is a game of honesty, etiquette and maturity. You are responsible for your own actions and personal conduct on the golf course.

- Be a good sport.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
- Play for the fun of it, not just to please parents or coaches.
- Play by the rules (golf and local)
- Respect officials and staff. Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents.
- Remove your hat when congratulating and thanking a fellow competitor or opponent, and when entering the Clubhouse.
- Control your temper.
- Always leave the course as you found it.
- Dress well, behave well.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Craddockstown Golf Club, GUI, ILGU and PGA are fully committed to safeguarding the well being of their members. Every individual in golf should at all times, show respect and understanding for members rights, safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the organisation and the guidelines contained in the *Code of Ethics and Good Practice for children 's Sport*.

In working with young people in golf our first priority is the welfare of the young people and we are committed to providing an environment that will allow participants to perform to the best of their ability, free from bullying and intimidation.

DICIPLINARY PROCEDURE

The Club reserves the right to take disciplinary action where any Junior Boy or Girl whose conduct on the course or in the Clubhouse is judged, after reasonable enquiry and, to have been detrimental to the interests of the Club or another member or members.

Upon receipt of written complaint against the behaviour of a Junior member a letter outlining the alleged offence will be forwarded to the member's parent/guardian.

At the discretion of the Club the disciplinary measures taken will depend on the nature and seriousness of the alleged offence and previous conduct of the Junior concerned. The measures taken can entail any of the following: A) Immediate curtailment of rights, B) Up to 6 months suspension with terms and conditions attached to the renewal of membership. C) In extreme cases expulsion from the Club.

As parents also, the Club desires to provide an environment whose policies allow a safe platform for all members to enjoy and one that is challenging, stimulating and rewarding through playing and promoting the Game of Golf.

Parents/ guardian support in running the Junior Club is always welcomed. The Club is run on a voluntary basis and any offer of support whether by way of time or sponsorship is greatly appreciated.

Photographs

I understand that photographs will be taken during or at golf related events and may be used in the promotion of golf.

Parents /Guardians are asked to explain the understanding of this document to their children

(Block Capitals please)

I/We(the Parent(s)/Guardian(s))

of(address).....

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agree that I have read in conjunction with

(proposed Junior Member).....

the Junior Policy of Craddockstown Golf Club.

I agree to accept and be bound by these regulations.

Signed: Parent/Guardian

Signed Junior Member

Dated:.....

☞ I am available to offer assistance in running the Junior Club

Yesí í ..

Noí í í